

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 cancelled.

7. (New) Control method for accelerating and braking a rail vehicle by use of first and second moveable and coupleable levers disposed proximate one another, the method comprising:

setting acceleration/traction power by motion of a decoupled first lever in one direction;

setting an electric brake by motion of the decoupled first lever in an opposite direction;

setting an indirectly acting brake by motion of a decoupled second lever;

coupling the first and second lever; and

setting both the electric brake and indirect acting brake by movement of the coupled levers.